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SUBJECT: Application 09/334,185

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MESSAGE: I am requesting a telephone interview, to be arranged no later than Friday, September 27, 2002, concerning application 09/334,185.

If you have any questions, please
contact Penny or ReNea at (402) 496-0300.

September 24, 2002

Ms. Kieu Oanh T. Bui
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Ms. Bui:

My name is Ralph Christopher Rueppell; my patent registration number is 47,045. I am respectfully requesting a telephone interview be arranged, no later than September 27, 2002, concerning the patent application 09/334,185.

A final office action was mailed, from your office, on August 13, 2002. A rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), using the reference Matthews, III et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,025,837), was made. In the Response to Argument Section of the final office action it was stated:

"However, in response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., episodes of recurring programs, segments of a multi-part program, programs with similar content, and programs related through an intermediate program ...) are not recited in the rejected claim(s)."

I wish to discuss the rejection and the possibility of placing application 09/334,185 in an allowable form. In particular I wish to discuss:

- the "Hyperlinks" used by the Matthews III, et al reference in relation to providing of "supplemental information" as described in the Matthews reference and the distinction of the Method, System, Software, and Signal for Performing Events for Related Programs employed by application 09/334,185 from the Matthews reference;
- the relationship of dependent claims 3, 8, 13, and 17 (of application 09/334,185) to their respective independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16, as to whether or not they provide for a sufficient limitation to make the claims allowable; and
- if the incorporation, into the claims of application 09/334,185, of the above mentioned features (Suggested in the Response to Argument Section) would provide sufficient limitations to place the claims in an allowable form.

Thank you for your time and consideration of application 09/334,185.

Respectfully,



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